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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
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Examiner: **Jacob F Betit**

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STORING AND RETRIEVING XML DATA  
ENCAPSULATED AS AN OBJECT IN A DATABASE STORE**

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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116**

In response to the Official Action dated **July 23, 2009**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page      of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page      of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.
- ☐ **Request For Refund** submitted herewith.